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SUPPORT PRICE FOR COCONUT AND COPRA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the support price fixed by the Government for Copra in Karnataka;

(b) the estimated production of copra and coconut in the State during the last three years;

(c) the quantity of copra and coconut so far purchased by NAFED from farmers;

(d) whether the Government propose to purchase more quantities of copra and coconut from Karnataka to avoid distress sale by farmers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Government has fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Milling Copra of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) at Rs. 3300/- per quintal and that of Ball Copra (FAQ) at Rs.3550/- per quintal for 2001 season. There is no separate MSP for Karnataka since MSP fixed by the Government is applicable to all the States including Union Territories.

(b): The estimated production of Copra and Coconut during the last three years in the State of Karnataka are as under:-

Year	Production	
	Copra (thousand tonnes)	Coconut (million nuts)
1997-98	94.10	1550.4
1998-99	97.81	1611.5
1999-2000	101.38	1670.3

(c) to (e): Coconut is not covered under Price Support Scheme (PSS). During 2000-2001, the National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), purchased a total quantity of 6188 tonnes of Ball copra under Price Support Scheme in Karnataka. During the Current year (2001-2002, till October) NAFED have already purchased 145 tonnes of Ball Copra in the State. Purchases are continuing.